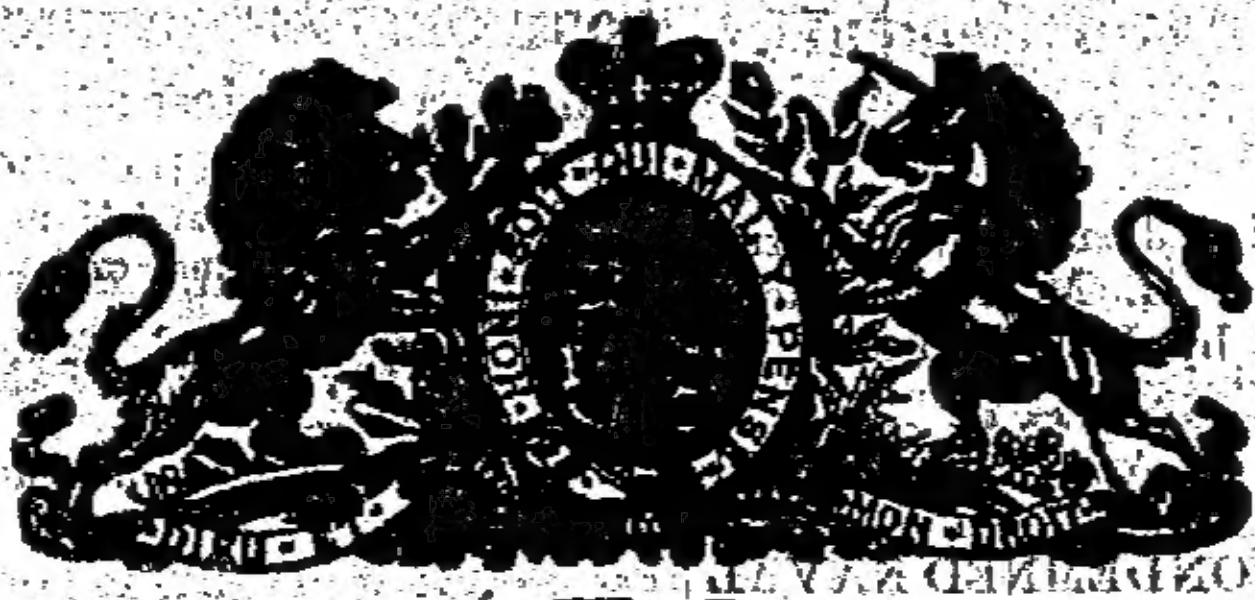


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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.
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HONGKONG.

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For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
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" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

ELEGANT ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE FURNITURE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed by W. H. BREXTON, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, ON

TUESDAY,

the 9th April, 1878, at Noon, at his Residence No. 4, Albany Terrace,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing-room Chairs, Couches and Settees in Walnut, Covered with Green Rep, Morocco Covered Easy Chairs, Marble-top Tables, Gilt Console Table with Marble Top and Mirror Back, Large Pier Glasses, Chromo-lithographs, Flower Vases, Clocks, Gasolier, Carpet, &c., &c.

DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, comprising: Carved Sideboard, Dining Table, Chairs, Whatnots, Electro-plated Ware, Glass and Crockery Ware, Clocks, Vases, Handsome Teak Book Case, Crystal Gasolier, Fender and Fire Irons, &c., &c.

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1 English-made BASKET CARRIAGE, with Harness, &c., complete.
2 PONIES, accustomed to carry Ladies, and broken to Harness.
A COTTAGE PIANO, by Broadwood & Sons, London.
A PARLOUR BILLIARD TABLE, with Cues, &c., complete.

A Fine Collection of PLANTS and FERNS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 5, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

Ex M. M. S. S. "ATA," AND OTHER RECENT ARRIVALS.

TEYSSONNEAU'S STRAWBERRIES in SYRUP.
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in NOYEAU.
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in BRANDY.
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TEYSSONNEAU'S PATE DE FOIE GRAS, in Patent Tins.
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED JAMS and JELLIES, in Glass Bottles.
PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S ASSORTED PATES.
PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S LONG ASPARAGUS.
PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S SARDINES.
FENARD & FILS' FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

CIGARETTES, COMPAGNIE LAFERME.
RICHMOND SMOKING MIXTURE.
BARCELONA NUTS.
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ALMONDS in SHELL.
SMYRNA FIGS.
MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS, in Cartons.
EPPS' COCOA.
BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK.
GOLDEN GATE FLOUR, in Barrels.
GALETTINE and ISINGLAS, in 1 lb. Packets.
WAFFLE IRONS. AMERICAN BROTHERS.

VERY FINE
"O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

BILLIARD CUE TIPS.
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BARCLAY and PERKINS' PORTER, in Hogsheads.
Horn's Best Quality RUSSIAN ROPE.
Horn's ASSORTED TARRER and WHITE LINES.
FAIRBANKS' SCALES.
&c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

TO HOUSE BUILDERS.

MACFARLANE, FRICKEL & Co., offer FOR SALE at COST PRICES, to Effect a Clearance.

BRASS FLUSH BOLTS.
STRONGEST 36 in. by 1 1/2 in.
ENGLISH MAKE
" " 30 " " 1 1/2 "
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" " 12 " " 1 1/2 "
" " 9 " " 1 1/2 "
" " 12 " " 1 1/2 "
" " 10 " " 1 1/2 "
" " 6 " " 1 1/2 "

IRON MONKEY-TAILED BOLTS.

IRON BARREL BOLTS, VARIOUS SIZES.

BRASS DO. DO.

ALL BRASS MAGAZINE LOCKS.

—Also—

BRASS AND IRON LOCKS.

BRASS AND IRON SCREWS.

AND FIRE GRATES.

BRASS DOOR HOOKS.

Hongkong, April 4, 1878.

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN KIM, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars and a Half per Part.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KIM & WATSON, Shanghai.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

WHITAKER'S ALMANAC.
LEWIS' DIARIES.
ARNOLD on MARINE INSURANCE.
LAW of GENERAL AVERAGE.
SMITH'S MERCANTILE LAW.
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ENGLISH SYNONYMS.
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ANDERSON'S MERCANTILE LETTERS.
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OLLENDORFF'S SPANISH METHOD.
OLLENDORFF'S ITALIAN METHOD.
NARES' SEAMANSHIP.
DICTIONARY of MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.
UNIVERSAL INDEX of BIOGRAPHY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, March 28, 1878.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY.

SUPERIOR WHITE CRYSTALS Manufactured by the ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, can now be had in Tins of 10 or 14 lbs., or in larger quantities to suit purchasers, on application to Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
H. KIER, General Agent.
Hongkong, March 30, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES.

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves).
Cut and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.
CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent), shortly.
CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark O. S. R. (in diamond) A III*.
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GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.
SPIRITS of WINE and LAMP SPIRIT, RUM, &c., 30° O. F., and Naval.
ANIMAL CHALK and DUST.
AMMONIACAL LIQUOR from Bones.
BONE TAR (a preservative of white ants).
ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.
Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGER, CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED, East Point, Hongkong.
March 5, 1878.

FOR SALE OR HIRE.

A SEMI-GRAND BROADWOOD PIANO.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 30, 1878.

FOR SALE.

A SMALL SUPPLY OF BELL'S TELEPHONES.

SHORTLY EXPECTED.

H. KIER & Co.
Hongkong, April 3, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. THEODOR JOHANNES ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU has been authorized to Sign our Firm per procurator.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, March 22, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.
Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES VON BORE has been authorized to Sign our Firm per procurator at Canton.

CARLOWITE & Co.
Canton, April 2, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

POLE'S THEORY OF WHIST.
THE CORRECT CARD.
BERTON'S HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT.
BERTON'S EVERYDAY COOKERY.
ENGLISH DICTIONARIES.
FRENCH Do.
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ENQUIRE WITHIN UPON EVERY THING.
ALL ABOUT HARD WORDS.
CHINESE COMMERCIAL GUIDE.
GILES' CHINESE SKETCHES.
SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHINESE.
ETHEL'S NEW CHINESE DICTIONARY, 1st and 2nd Parts.
ETHEL'S BUDDHISM.
ETHEL'S FUNG SHUL.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, March 28, 1878.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOO CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM.
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

PIANOFORTE TUNING.

MR. J. BUCHANAN, BARMAN, of Her Majesty's 74th Highlanders, begs to announce to the Public of Hongkong that he will undertake to TUNE PIANOFORTES during his stay in the Colony.

Address to Murray Barracks.
Hongkong, March 14, 1878.

W. BALL.

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

By appointment to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, Governor of Hongkong.

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

Wyndham Street, formerly ARTHUR OLIVE, has on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, &c., of Standard sizes. Ex. S. S. Type, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monographs and Portage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and card-board Albums, Cases and Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits only. Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes. Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING the TEMPORARY ABSENCE of the Undersigned, Mr THOMAS DANIEL COX PARKER is appointed Acting Manager.

A. NEWTON, Manager.
Hongkong, March 20, 1878.

STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

Discount 20%
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL BOWBOW, Secretary.
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,

120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets.....\$31,700,000
Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to

OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th Instant at Messrs DODD & Co.'s OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said DODD & Co. shall be liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.
2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.
3. That F. L. ABERNETHY and EDMUND PRY be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the Estate, if it is requested, will be Paid to the order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY, Trustee for the Estate of DODD & Co.
Amoy, January 14, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A FOURTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of THREE FARLS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 1st April, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 8th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th April inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.
Shanghai, March 30, 1878.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the can, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING Co., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

Intimations.

CHINA FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

THE AMOUNT COLLECTED to Date aggregates \$12,330.89. Gentlemen desirous of Contributing are requested to forward their Subscriptions to T. JACKSON, Honorary Treasurer, at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Hongkong, April 5, 1878.

FOR STORAGE in GODOWNS, Praya Central.

Apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 26, 1878.

STEAMER "OXFORDSHIRE."

ALL CLAIMS against the above Steamer must be sent in to the Undersigned on or before TUESDAY Next, the 9th Instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

TURNER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AND THE USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

One of the Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Steamers will leave this on the 24th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 3, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S ISLAND).

The A. I. American Bark "QUICKSTEP," BARNABY, Master, will load for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 26, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON). The A. I. American Ship "WILDWOOD," HARBIN, Master, will load for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 26, 1878.

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Bark "CONCHITA," ARAS, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, &c., apply to REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, April 3, 1878.

FOR LONDON. The A. I. American ship "ELCANO," BARNABY, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, April 1, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK. The A. I. German Ship "WEGA," JACHENS, Master, will load here as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, March 25, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON). The A. I. American Ship "FREEMAN OLARK," DWIGHT, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, March 25, 1878.

FOR LONDON. The A. I. American Ship "ALICE M. MINOTT," WHITMORE, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A. I. American Bark "B. E. WATSON," HAWKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.

AN YON,
SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND
STEVEDORE,
No. 57, Praya West.
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S
STORES.
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. my1

ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY,
LIMITED.
REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES'
ORDINANCE 1855.

CAPITAL \$700,000, IN 1,400 SHARES
OF \$500 EACH.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.
To be elected at the First Meeting of the
Shareholders.

GENERAL AGENTS.
Messrs. H. KLER & Co.
AGENTS AT SWATOW.
Messrs. CRAIG & Co.

BANKERS.
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

SOLICITOR.
WM. H. BRERETON, Esq.

THIS Company has been formed for the
purpose of carrying on the Business
of Sugar Refiners under the Weirich
Patent, and also the Business of Sugar
Refiners, Manufacturers and Sugar Dealers
generally at Hongkong and Swatow in
China.

By the Weirich process the molasses
and other impurities are speedily and
inexpensively removed, leaving the res-
idue a fine Sugar fit for domestic use
or for exportation to any part of the
world. It is highly valued and sought
after by Chinese and Japanese merchants.
These Sugars are perfectly in odorous,
and retain their colour and high saccha-
rine qualities for any length of time, and
they are not liable to absorb moisture.

It is intended that the new Company
shall take over the ground and buildings at
Hongkong, now occupied by the Oriental
Sugar Refinery, with the Plant and Machinery
thereon. The ground, which has a
water frontage of nearly 200 feet, com-
prises nearly two acres. The Buildings
and Works are quite new and in complete
order, capable of refining about 1,000 piculs
of raw Sugar daily. It is also intended to
take over the ground and premises belong-
ing to the Company at Swatow in China,
with the valuable Plant and Machinery
thereon. The last mentioned ground con-
tains about 18 acres, with excellent water
frontage, and is otherwise elegantly situated
for carrying on the Company's works.

The works and buildings are yet unfinish-
ed when completed they will be capable of
refining about 1,500 piculs of Raw Sugar
daily. They will be finished before the
next Sugar season, or about the 31st of
December next.

The Proprietors of the Oriental Sugar
Refinery have agreed to sell the whole of
their Property in Hongkong and Swatow
to the Company for \$500,000, of which
\$250,000 will be taken in shares, subject
only to a share of profits, by way of Royalty,
to be paid to the Patentee for the sole right
of using the Patent in Hongkong and
China. Of the balance of the capital about
\$100,000 will be applied in finishing the
Company's premises at Swatow, leaving the
remaining \$150,000 available for working
the business.

It is intended to distribute the profits in
the following manner:—Twelve per cent.
for interest on capital in the first instance
be annually paid thereout to all Share-
holders, seven per cent. will be written off
the annual valuation of Plant, and five per
cent. will be written off the annual valuation
of Buildings, which together will form the
Company's reserve fund to meet depreciation
in Plant and Buildings. The surplus
after those deductions will be distributed as
follows:—viz., two thirds thereof will be
divided *pro rata* amongst the Shareholders
by way of dividend, and the remaining one-
third will be paid to the Patentee.

The Company will be managed by the
firm of H. KLER & Co. of Hongkong, as
General Agents, and a Consulting Com-
mittee to be elected by the Shareholders,
assisted by a competent staff. Messrs.
Craig & Co. of Swatow will be the Agents
of the Company at that place.

The Company has secured the services
of a thoroughly efficient Practical Refiner
and Chemist from the works of Mr James
Duncan, the eminent Sugar Refiner of
Glyde Wharf, London.

The Refinery in Hongkong is now in
full working order, and will be so handed
over to the Company on the 31st day of
March instant.

The Company in purchasing the Oriental
Sugar Refineries will take the business as
it stands, together with all the engage-
ments and contracts already entered into,
comprising arrangements for the purchase
of Raw Sugar, and disposing of the finished
Product in the various markets.

The Oriental Sugar Refinery, Limited,
will have the advantage of a choice of
markets: The Patent Sugars meet with
ready sale at remunerative prices, in Great
Britain, the Continent of Europe, America,
and Australia, whilst the native trade is
being steadily developed. In fact the
Sugar trade in China is now in its infancy,
and of its future success there can be no
doubt whatever.

The favourable terms upon which the
Company have been offered the property
and sole right to use the Patent are alike
a source of security to the Shareholders
and a proof of the confidence of those
whose enterprise and capital have originat-
ed the business.

The Memorandum and Articles of As-
sociation may be inspected at the Office
of the Company, together with the follow-
ing Agreement, viz:—

An Agreement of the 2nd of Septem-
ber, 1876, made between the Oriental

Intimations.

Sugar Refinery of Hongkong and the Wing
Tung Hing Hong for the supply of Raw
Material on certain terms and conditions.
2.—An Agreement of the 26th day of
March, 1878, made between Hans Kler on
behalf of the owners of the Oriental Sugar
Refinery at Hongkong and Swatow of the
one part, and Robert Craig, Esq. for and
on behalf of the Company of the other part,
whereby the party of the first part agrees
to sell to the Company the above-
mentioned premises.

3.—An Agreement of the 25th day of
March 1878, made between William Mc-
Gregor Smith of the one part, and Hans
Kler of the other part, whereby the said
William McGregor Smith agreed to make
over to the Company the sole right of
using the said Patent in Hongkong and
China on the terms therein mentioned.
It is intended that the whole of the
Capital shall be called up as follows:—

\$150 per Share on application for al-
lotment.
\$150 per Share on allotment.
\$100 one calendar month after al-
lotment.
\$100 three calendar months after al-
lotment.

Applications for shares will be received
up to 10th day of April, 1878.
Forms of application for Shares and
Receipt for Deposit are appended.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1878.

Form of Application for Shares (to be re-
tained by the Bankers).

No. To the General Agents of
"THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY,
LIMITED."

GENTLEMEN,—Having paid to your Bank-
ers the sum of being a deposit of
\$150 per Share on the above Company, I hereby request that
you will allot me that number, and I agree
to become a Member of the Company in
respect of such Shares or in respect
of any less number you may allot
me; and to pay the further sums men-
tioned in the Prospectus and Articles of
Association of the Company, and I request
that my name may be placed on the Re-
gister of Members for the Shares so al-
lotted.

Name in full
Residence
Profession or Business
Date 187

Receipt for Deposit (to be retained by the
Applicant after being signed by the
Bankers).

No. Received this day of 1878,
of Mr the sum of \$ being a
deposit of \$150 per Share on
Shares in "THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY,
LIMITED."

For The Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia, and China,

Cashier.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
"AMOI,"
G. H. DREWES, Master, will be
despatched for the above Port
TO-MORROW, the 9th Instant, at 11 a.m.,
instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap9

FOR SWATOW, AMOI, TAMSUI AND
TAIWANFOO.
The Steamship
"ALBAY,"
Capt. F. ASHTON, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports
on FRIDAY, the 12th Instant, at Day-
light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap12

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
The Steamship
"ARATON APOAR,"
Capt. A. B. MACFARLANE, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 13th Instant,
at 3 o'clock p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap18

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
The Steamship
"MORAY,"
M. I. BUTCHER, Commander,
will be despatched for the
above Ports on SATURDAY Next, the
13th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JAKINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap18

FOR SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"YESSO,"
Capt. S. ASHTON, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports
on SUNDAY, the 14th Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap14

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE,
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.
(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and
taking through Cargo and Passengers
for New Zealand.)
The Eastern and Australian
Mail Steam Co.'s Steamship
"BOWEN,"
will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 9th Instant, at
Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap24

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A. I. American Bark
"P. J. CARLETON,"
AMERSON, Master, will load
here for the above Port, and
will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Hongkong, April 8, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions from H. M. Naval Store-
keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY,
the 16th day of April, 1878, at 11
o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—
SUNDRY CONDEMNED NAVAL
AND VICTUALLING STORES, Com-
prising:—

Old Wrought Iron, Steel, &c.
Hoses, Leather, Shoes, Flannel, Serge,
Drill, Blankets, &c.
Beef and Pork, Flour, Chocolate,
Raisins, Biscuit Dust, &c.
TRAMS OF SALT.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.
The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors
of description, at purchaser's risk on the
fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap16

PIANOFORTE TUNING.

MR. A. HAHN begs to announce to his
Patrons that he has changed his
Residence from Praya East to No. 19,
HOLLYWOOD ROAD, where Orders may be
left, or at Messrs. LARA, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. my8

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain
Barbary.—Captain.

NORTH STAR, American ship, Captain
J. V. Thompson.—Order.

PARMENO, British barque, Capt. R. H.
Abbott.—Chinese.

ABOYLE, British steamer, Captain D.
Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ANTHOCK, American barque, Capt. W. B.
Seymour.—Chinese.

LADAGO, American ship, Captain C. B.
Pierce.—Captain.

DAGO, British steamer, Capt. Haddock.
—Meyer & Co.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, British barque,
Captain A. McIntyre.—Arnold, Karberg
& Co.

PASSER, British steamer, Capt. Sergeant.
—Melchers & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 7, **Frank Marion,** American barque,
678, H. K. Eldridge, Newcastle (N.S.W.).
Feb. 26, Coal.—Meyers & Co.

April 7, **Amoy,** British steamer, from
Canton.

April 7, **Fuyew,** Chinese steamer, from
Canton.

April 7, **Tejo,** Portuguese gunboat, Lt.-
Comr. Amaral, Manila April 4.

April 8, **Florence Nightingale,** British
barque, 424, A. McIntyre, Newcastle
(N.S.W.). Feb. 11, Coal.—ARNOLD, KAR-
BERG & Co.

April 8, **Thomas Fletcher,** Amer. barque,
645, Pondston, Saigon March 23, Salt.—
KIN NAM.

April 8, **Dago,** British steamer, 1250,
Haddock, Saigon March 26, Rice.—
MEYER & Co.

April 8, **Passer,** British steamer, 1014,
Sergeant, Saigon April 3, Rice.—MELCHERS
& Co.

DEPARTURES.

April 7, **Danube,** for Bangkok.

7, **Pearl,** for Amoy.

7, **Douglas,** for Coast Ports.

8, **Pernambuco,** for Saigon.

8, **Fuyew,** for Shanghai.

8, **Malabar,** for Guam.

8, **Atoll,** for Singapore.

CLEARED.

Petrel, for Quinhon.

Parmeno, for Amoy.

Amoy, for Shanghai.

Ngan Ying, for Macao.

Maharajah, for Bangkok.

Edward F. Souverey, for San Francisco.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Passer, from Saigon, 80 Chinese, and
1 European deck.

DEPARTED.

Per Hailong, for Tamsui, Mr. Grater,
and Mrs. Gye and son.

Per Douglas, for Foochow, Messrs. Allum
and H. Ogden, for Amoy, Mr. L. de Silva
for Fuyew, for Shanghai, Mr. Chun Ayn
and one other First-class, and 100 Chinese
deck.

TO DEPART.

Per Atoll, for Straits, 320 Chinese.

Per Danube, for Bangkok, 195 Chinese.

Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 15 Chinese.

Per Madagascar, for Bangkok, 20 Chi-
nese.

Per Edward P. Souverey, for San Fran-
cisco, 1 European, and 228 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American barque **Frank Marion** re-
ports: Very light winds throughout the
passage becalmed for 10 days off the Soli-
man Islands.

The Portuguese gunboat **Tejo** reports:
Moderate N.E. winds throughout.

The British barque **Florence Nightingale**
reports: Fine weather throughout the
passage.

The British steamer **Dago** reports:
Fine weather with light Easterly wind.

The British steamer **Fuyew** reports: Light
easterly winds and fine weather until last
48 hours, when had strong N.E. winds and
head sea.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG, with
Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi.—
Per **Dale**, at 8.30 a.m., on Thursday, the
11th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOI, TAMSUI, AND
TAIWAN.—
Per **Albay**, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the
11th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOI, & FOCHOW.—
Per **Yuso**, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the
13th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per **Orissa**, is postponed till further
notice.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—
The English Contract Packet **Geelong**,
will be despatched with the Mails for
Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the
11th April.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 10th April.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the **Niger**
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 11th April.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with
LATIN FEE of 18 cents extra
to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom
Via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,
till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally
closed.
Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap11

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet **Gaio**,
will be despatched on THURSDAY, the
11th April, with Mails for Japan,
San Francisco, and the United States,
which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post Office closes, but Letters
(except for Non-Union Countries) may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage
until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies
(except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa
Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New
Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can
no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, March 30, 1878. ap11

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet **Pelle** will
be despatched from Hongkong on
THURSDAY, the 11th instant, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via **Mal-
celles**, to Saigon, Singapore, Bata-
via, Galle, Australia, New Zea-
land, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey-
chelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez,
and Alexandria. This is the best
opportunity for forwarding Corre-
spondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA
by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 11th inst.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the **Niger** Box,
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 12th inst.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
except those to and through Australia,
may be posted on payment of a
Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,
until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.
Hongkong, April 4, 1878. ap18

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—
The Australian Contract Packet **Bowen**,
will be despatched from Hongkong, on
WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with
Mails for Singapore, Somerset,
Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen,
Koppell Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tas-
mania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after
11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m.
Supplementary mail received on board
with late fee of 18 cents till time of
departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western
Australia can be sent by this route if
declared, but as a general rule it is
better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap24

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 10:—

Goods per **Djemnah** undelivered after
Noon, subject to rent and landing
charges.

THURSDAY, April 11:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.

FRIDAY, April 12:—
Daylight.—**Albay** leaves for Swatow, &c.

SATURDAY, April 13:—
3 p.m.—**Arratoon** leaves for Swatow, &c.

SUNDAY, April 14:—
Daylight.—**Yuso** leaves for Coast Ports.

THURSDAY, April 18:—
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.

THURSDAY, April 18:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.

SATURDAY, April 20:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yok-
ohama and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, April 24:—
Noon.—**Bowen** leaves for Singapore, &c.

MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

11 a.m.—**Amoy** leaves for Shanghai.

Auction.

Noon.—Furniture Sale, &c., at Mr. Bre-
ton's residence, Albany Terrace.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the **Oxfordshire** must be
sent in to the Agents on or before this
date.

THE
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Established A.D. 1841.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
IMPORTERS

OF
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, NURSERY

Corp of Telegram received from Captain Barlow, S. S. Nizam:
 "Nizam's engines broke down third instant; reached Cape St. James seventh under sail and one engine; repairs will take about eight days; will arrange to send mails by next French steamer."
 BARLOW.

At the special sitting of the Supreme Court in Criminal Session held to-day, Ho Atung, a cook, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a binocular glass, the property of the third officer of the P. & O. S. S. *Orissa*. There were seven previous convictions against the prisoner, which he also admitted; and he was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

THE S.S. Dago, Captain Haddock, arrived here to-day from Rangoon. The *Dago* is a new vessel built by Mr. J. Laird, to the order of Messrs D. G. Pinky & Sons of Sunderland, the inventors of the patent topsails. She is consigned to Messrs Meyer & Co., and will probably remain on the Coast of China and Japan for some time. The following are her dimensions:—Length over all 292 feet, between perpendiculars 282 feet, extreme breadth 34 feet, depth of hold to top of floors 25 feet. Her gross tonnage is 1,860 and net 1,250. She is engaged by Mr. George Clark, of Sunderland, with a pair of compound surface condensing engines of 160 H. P. nominal, and consumes from 12 to 13 tons of coal per day.

THE P. & O. Company are very fortunate in their freedom from accidents, or we might say very careful to prevent accidents; and it is not often now-a-days we have to wait for our letters through any mishap to their steamers. It is now three years since the *Gwalior* broke down, and since that time we have had little to complain of, what little delays there have been having resulted from adverse winds and bad weather. The accident to the *Nizam* is not so serious as we at first supposed, the break being of a minor nature; and we are inclined to think the crank shaft is broken. The *S.S. Paros* left Cape St. James at 7 p.m. of the 3rd, the day the accident happened, but the *Nizam* being to the southward, nothing was seen of her. The *S.S. State of Alabama* may be expected to put in an appearance on Thursday with the mail.

SOME time since, in noticing an accident which occurred on board the steamer *Kishan*, we drew attention to the very dangerous state of the landing stages, and suggested that guards should be placed on both sides of the stages. We were glad to see that this was done. The same suggestion is applicable to the *Ichang* landing stages, which are, in their present condition, positively dangerous. To-day a coolie nearly lost his life through the absence of such a precaution. He slipped and fell over the stage, but managed to catch hold of the railing of the steamer and was thus possibly saved from a watery grave. Had he slipped whilst there was a great rush of passengers he might not have been so fortunate. We think that it is imperative on steamboat owners to take every possible precaution to prevent accidents, and the inexpensiveness of the remedy we suggest should recommend itself.

THE departure of Mr. Chun Ayin, formerly on the staff of the *China Mail* and lessee of the *Chinese Mail*, in the steamer *Fuyeo* this afternoon, was made the subject of a considerable demonstration on the part of his native friends. Mr. Ayin has gone to Shanghai, there to join the Mission to Peru or the United States, but his rank, though it will undoubtedly be an honourable one, is as yet undecided. His general ability, knowledge of the English language and of the manners and customs of the West, together with his unusual fund of general information, will doubtless stand him in good stead and ensure his rapid promotion in the service he has entered. Not a little of the intelligent breadth of Mr. Ayin's views on most matters is attributable to his habits of general reading formed and fostered by the existence of a library attached to St. Paul's College in its palmy days. It seems strange that no such institution yet exists in connection with the Central School, and that native teachers in that establishment have never even heard of the first Napoleon. But to return to Mr. Ayin, and the appreciation which his abilities and character have received at the hands of his countrymen. He has been feted for the last ten days, sometimes at half-a-dozen places a day, and a keen competition has been going on amongst the respectable Chinese to do honour to the man who of all their fellow-colonists (with probably one exception) has become thoroughly acquainted with things foreign without altogether losing his own national characteristics. A steat-lantern was provided by his friends to convey him to the steamer, and as she steamed slowly towards the *Fuyeo*, the crackers and bombs of good-will and good-fellowship were conspicuous in their din.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)
 8th April, 1878.

DRUNKENNESS.
 George Walker, a fireman belonging to the S.S. *Moray*, was discharged with a caution.

Joe Jean, French barque *Jean Pierre*, was fined \$2. He was very violent when arrested.

James Robertson, fireman S.S. *Ayyl*, was ordered to pay 30 cents boat-hire.

Radolf Arnolt, seaman American ship *Chandos*, was fined \$1 or 2 days' imprisonment. He was very violent, and chasing people about the street when arrested.

James Lee, seaman American ship *Grant*, was fined 50 cents and ordered to pay 20 cents amends to a hawk for damage done to property. It appears that he was mad-drunk and while in this state took some matches and cheroots from a hawk's stall and refused to pay for them.

Andrew Zahren, seaman, and Lewis Wilson, carpenter, American barque *Cruiser*, were charged with being drunk and disorderly. They gave a great deal of trouble to the Constables who arrested them. After they were locked up they were very noisy, especially the 2nd defendant, who made use of very filthy language. The 1st defendant was fined 50 cents, and the 2nd, \$1.

LARCENY.
 Li Asam, a coolie, was sent to two months' hard labour for stealing a board from the Commissary Godowns at Wanchi. There was one previous conviction against him for larceny, which he admitted.

PRIVATE CHAIR-COOLIES.
 Law Cheung, a chair-coolie employed by Mr. A. E. Vaucher, was charged with refusal of duty. It appears that he usually carried his master, and when requested to carry his mistress yesterday he refused. In defence he said that he was eating his meal at the time, and he did not belong to the mistress' but to the master's chair. Fined \$1 or 2 days' imprisonment.

INDECENT ASSAULT.
 Wong Yih, chair-coolie to Mr. Hoffman, was charged with indecently assaulting a girl, aged 15 years, in the public streets. He denied the charge and said that he quarrelled with the girl because she stopped to stare at him when he was paying away some money. A woman appeared and corroborated the girl's statement. Seven days' hard labour.

MENDICANCY.
 Several mendicants were ordered to be sent away to-day.

THE POLICE REPORT.

The following report from the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, for the year 1878, is published in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday last:—

CENTRAL POLICE BARRACKS, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 16th February, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward the Criminal Statistics and other Annual Returns of this Department for 1877, for transmission to His Excellency the Governor.

2.—Compared with the previous year, there has been an increase of 491 cases in serious offences, 361 in minor offences, and 842 cases or 12.88 per cent., in the total number of offences coming under the notice of the Police.

3.—There is little doubt that the famine and floods on the mainland and the unusually high price of the rice throughout the year have caused much of the crime against property to which the increase in serious offences is chiefly due. Turning to Table C it will be found that while robbery with violence, burglary, and larceny in a dwelling house at night have decreased, unlawful possession and larceny show an increase of 446 on the number of cases reported during the previous year; many of these larcenies relate to property of very small value, and of all the cases in which the amount has been given 35 per cent. are thefts of articles valued at less than \$5.

4.—Of the five cases of murder, two arose out of piratical attacks on villages. The first of these occurred about midnight on the 2nd May, when 20 armed men attacked a chandler's shop in the village of Ap-Li-Chau; Ching-Hin-Tai, one of the inmates of the shop, received a gunshot wound which subsequently caused his death. The pirates carried off property valued at \$84, together with one of their comrades who had been shot by the Indian constable on duty. The night being dark, their boat was out of sight before the Inspector could cross the bay with assistance from the Aberdeen Police Station. The second occurred on the night of the 15th October, when a band of robbers, who had landed from a boat on the eastern shore of Tsim-She-Pui, broke into and plundered the house of a boat-builder in the village of Mong-Kok-Tai; Kwok-Sing-Kit, one of the shop coolies, died two days afterwards of a wound received during the attack.

5.—I believe the increase in kidnapping to be only apparent, the total for the past year having been swelled by an unusually large number of suspicious cases brought to trial by the Police, which upon investigation at the Magistracy, proved to be unfounded.

6.—Verdicts of *felix de se* were returned at no less than thirteen coroners' Inquests during the year.

7.—Judging from the reports of native traders, I fear that piracy is steadily increasing.

8.—As regards minor offences, it will be seen that the increase is caused by an advance of nearly 50 per cent. in the number of nuisance cases, and by the large number of Chinese arrested for being out at night without a pass, for assault, and for public gambling. The latter offences, which for reasons explained in my special Report of 8th December 1877 (O. S. O. No. 2,580), had rapidly increased during the months of May and June, has now been reduced within narrow limits.

9.—The daily average number of prisoners in goal during the year was 895, compared with 488, the average number during 1876.

10.—The conduct of both officers and men has been exceptionally good, and it is satisfactory to find from Table D that in the entire force only 28 were dismissed for misconduct during the year.

11.—The large number of vacancies in the European branch, which for several months affected the efficiency of the force, was remedied in October last by the arrival of twenty well-conducted and intelligent men, who had been carefully selected by Inspector Thomson from the Glasgow Police.

12.—The defective force continues to work faithfully and well, but the great difficulty of getting Chinese to come forward as witnesses is found a serious obstacle to bringing criminals to justice; a more liberal system of compensating witnesses for time lost in attendance at Court, would remove one cause of their dislike to give evidence in criminal cases.

13.—On several occasions, Chinese officials have rendered valuable assistance to this Department. In two cases they have assisted in recovering large sums of money from criminals who escaped from British jurisdiction, but were subsequently traced to villages in Chinese territory.

14.—A system of mounted and foot road patrols, which was established between the different outlying villages in June last, has had most satisfactory results in suppressing highway robbery, which was becoming frequent.

15.—We are indebted to the Naval and Military authorities for the use of Rifle Ranges at Kowloon, which has enabled all members of the force, including the Chinese, who were not previously instructed in the use of the rifle, to go through a course of target practice.

16.—Having regard to the great expense and numerous defects of the telegraph instruments now supplied to this Department, I think the Telephone might be substituted with advantage. This instrument appears to be in many respects superior to the Telegraph for Police purposes.

17.—I had the honour to make special Reports to His Excellency the Governor on the following subjects:—

1.—The defective accommodation in many of the Police buildings.

2.—The purchase of Steam Launches for Harbour Police work.

3.—The enrolment of Special Constables for the better protection of some of the outlying villages.

4.—I enclose Mr. Falconer's Annual Report on the Police School.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,

C. V. CREAGH,
 Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.
 The Hon. J. Gardiner Austin, C.M.G.,
 Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

POLICE SCHOOL, HONGKONG, 1st February, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward for your perusal the report on the Police School for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

2.—During the year, the school has been pursuing a quiet course of usefulness. The sad death of Mr. Gair has been a great loss to the school; his intimate knowledge of police work, and his excellence as a teacher, made his services especially valuable, and it was a difficult matter to fill his place satisfactorily. Mr. Duggan, however, since his appointment, has performed his duties well, and increased experience will make him a very valuable teacher.

3.—Mr. Cheung-a-Leung, who left for a post in the Chinese Mission to Japan, was succeeded by Mr. Chin-Chi-Tsung.

4.—As a large number of Europeans now possess exemption certificates, and a considerable number have left the Colony on the expiration of their term of service, the attendance has been small, but as only three of the last draft succeeded in passing the examination I expect a larger attendance during 1878. The number of men who presented themselves during the year for examination was 19, of whom 16 passed and the remainder failed. A feature worthy of note in the examinations of this year is that a number of those who passed consisted of men whose education had been neglected in early life, but who are now qualified for promotion, which they could never hope to obtain but for the education received at the school.

5.—To make the teaching of the Europeans as practical as possible, I have introduced the Police Regulations in text book, and have made the writing of Reports a weekly exercise.

6.—There have been two examinations of the Indian Constables during the year, one to test their knowledge of English and Chinese in order to select two intelligent men for Corporalships; the other was the ordinary Annual Examination. The first examination has produced a most satisfactory effect. The fact that a knowledge of English and Chinese led to promotion has caused a greater interest to be taken in these studies by a larger number of men, and accordingly I am able to report a marked progress on the part of the Indians during the year, and at the examination at its close much higher results were obtained than at the examinations of previous years. I may note that one Indian Corporal passed the European examination.

7.—The attendance of the year of the attendance of the Constables was considerably diminished in consequence of ball practice at Kowloon, but this was partly compensated by the attendance of Indian Candidates, who, while waiting for a vacancy in the force, employ their leisure in the study of English and Chinese.

8.—I have to make the same Report on the Chinese Constables that has been made in previous years. They make good progress in the time they are allowed to come to school; in some instances more than can be reasonably expected under the circumstances. Still, as long as promotions are made from the ranks to Interpreterships, so long will these men make up by private study for the loss of school time of which the exigencies of the service deprive them. Three Interpreters have been taken from the school, and one English-speaking looking transferred for service to the Gaoi department during the year.

9.—In conclusion, I beg to throw out the suggestion that the scheme of quarterly examinations be so extended as to comprise promotions to Sergeantships and even to higher positions in the service. Such a scheme would induce many of the more studious men to prosecute their studies after their attendance at school is no longer compulsory. I am sure that if it were understood that a higher grade certificate formed a factor in selection for promotion, a very large number of men would work to obtain it.

The following are the Statistics for the year:—

RACIALITY.	NUMBER.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.
Europeans	189	4.18
Indians	328	28.07
Chinese	76	15.46

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,
 ALBERT FALCONER,
 Master in Charge.

PRINCE BISMARCK ON THE EASTERN CRISIS.

On Tuesday, Prince Bismarck explained the views of the German Government with regard to the Eastern Question. Referring to the Russian conditions, he said that the delimitation proposed with regard to Bulgaria was not of such importance as to imperil the peace of Europe. German interests were not affected by the arrangements proposed for Montenegro, Roumania, Servia, the Herzegovina, &c. With regard to the Dardanelles, more apprehensions had been raised than were justified by actual possibilities. The regulations respecting ships of war were scarcely so important as those respecting commerce. Germany's chief interest in the East was that the Danube and the Straits should be free as heretofore. In conclusion, Prince Bismarck said he did not believe in a European war. Germany was in favour of hastening the meeting of the Conference, and it would perhaps meet in the first fortnight of March. Germany had no desire to intervene as arbiter of Europe, but she was willing to mediate. The speech lasted nearly an hour and in recent years Prince Bismarck has not spoken to better advantage or more acceptably to the House. In a second speech, replying to Herr Windthorst, he showed unusual warmth of manner in repudiating the idea that he was sacrificing the interests of Austria.

(Times, Feb. 20.)
 Prince Bismarck yesterday explained to the German Parliament the view he takes of the position of Germany in the present crisis, and a speech of greater interest to Europe has rarely been delivered. Its main result appears to be that Germany will as far as possible abstain from any interference in the Eastern Question. Prince Bismarck does not see that her interests are at present directly affected, and he declares, with characteristic plainness, that Germany having been connected with Russia for so many years by the ties of "sincere and mutually profitable alliance," he, for one, would think twice before giving up the friendship of so great and powerful a State without real necessity. He states that no foreign Government has as yet asked Germany to oppose Russia in the present crisis, and he emphatically intimates that no indirect or secondary interest would induce Germany to take such a course. He repudiates the advice that the Germans should assume the part of European policemen, and announces their resolve to resist Russian usurpation. "They knew how much Russian political parties were given to delamination, and they could easily imagine what they would say against them were they to prevent their reaching the goal they have been pursuing for centuries." At present political parties friendly to Germany are in power throughout Europe, and he asks whether the Parliament is prepared to jeopardize the peace of Germany for the sake of securing the peace of one of their friends. An Empire situated in the midst of Europe had better, he said, be cautious at such a time as this. Germany, he concluded, was no doubt strong; "but only if their own independence, their own interests were at stake, should he advise the Empire to unsheath the sword."

It seems impossible to mistake the significance of these avowals, which are marked by Prince Bismarck's usual decision and bluntness. There is a reserve about them on some points which was probably unavoidable; but their main result may be briefly stated. Prince Bismarck, it is evident, does not see anything in the proposed terms of peace which in the interests of Germany he need object to; and he is not prepared to risk German blood or treasure for any other interests. It is observable that he abstains from any repetition of the assurance he previously gave that, if Austrian interests should be affected, Germany would not be indifferent. His policy was accurately described by Lord Beaconsfield at the commencement of the Session. It is, no doubt, a patriotic, but whether in a good or bad sense, it is also a selfish policy. Russia has a certain goal at heart which she has been pursuing for centuries; and Prince Bismarck, as a prudent man, is not prepared to incur the risk of obstructing her for the sake of any other interests than his own.

The practical result is that Germany will go into the Congress lending her moral support to the general terms of peace proposed by Russia, but not prepared to obstruct any other Power in resisting them. She is strong enough to stand aloof, and her position, perhaps, is thus not very different from that which she assumed at the time of the Crimean War. It can hardly be said that this attitude will add anything to the chances of peace being maintained; but it need not be regarded as throwing any adverse weight into the scale. Germany is simply eliminated from the calculations, and the issue rests between Russia, Austria, and England.

(Daily News, Feb. 20.)

The topics touched on by the German Chancellor indicate the position Germany will take respecting them. The Chancellor somewhat contemptuously throws to the countries bordering on the Mediterranean one of the difficult questions which Russia has raised. So long as the Dardanelles are not in the hands of Russia, a matter which does not arise now, and so long as the waterways are kept open to commerce, the question of the passing of war ships in time of peace is to Germany a minor matter. The official documents from St. Petersburg represent on this point of the freedom of the Straits to commercial vessels the stipulations of the Treaty of Paris; and the Mediterranean Powers—England being, of course, the chief of them—must, he says, settle about the war ships among themselves. None of the other proposals are held to touch German interests, which the Chancellor declares will not be affected by the independence of Montenegro, Roumania, and Servia; by the improved position of Bosnia, Herzegovina, and the other provinces; nor by the re-arrangement of Bulgaria. The restoration of the Turkish rule in Bulgaria has become practically impossible, and any attempt to do so would, as Prince Bismarck intimates, only leave the task of reorganization in the hands of the Power which should succeed in driving Russia out.

(Daily Telegraph, Feb. 20.)
 Taking up the terms of peace, officially communicated to him only the day before, Prince Bismarck examines them to ascertain whether they affect Germany, and the result of his meditations—of course, upon the unofficial copy long sent before him—is that they do not injure the Prussian Empire. But he is careful to remind a listening Senate that every item of the conditions which bears on existing treaties will require the sanction of the Powers who agreed those instruments; and while he makes light of the apprehensions felt respecting the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, he lays it down that the key of the Straits must be held by independent hands. There are in-

teresting observations of no special novelty, yet valuable so far as they imply, in part at least, a concurrence of opinion between Germany and the other Powers. But if the Danube, the Black Sea and the Straits are to be "free as they have been hitherto," they cannot be left at the control of Russia. An express reference is made to the Treaty; yet no one can say whether the projected treaty, now in course of negotiation at Adrianople, will touch or leave untouched the elder compacts, unless the whole arrangement is unreservedly submitted to the inspection of that Conference which Prince Bismarck cordially welcomes and which he seems so certain will meet. Should war ensue, Germany will stand aloof unless her interests are imperilled—a statement containing no fresh information, since it has been reiterated on every occasion. The net result of his deliverance is that Prince Bismarck is eager for a Conference or Congress; that he is prepared to mediate and act as the common friend; that Austria must await the issue of the experiment; and that hopes of a peaceful solution are still entertained in Berlin.

QUICK MAILS.

(To the Editor of the *Melbourne Argus*)
 Sir,—Having just completed the fastest tour that has ever been made from London to the colonies and back, at the request of some friends I take the liberty of forwarding to you a brief report of the trip, believing that it will be of interest to your readers.

On Monday, August 13, I left London for Plymouth, and embarked in the S.S. *Chimborazo*, getting away the same night. We had a good run and fine weather to St. Vincent, which we reached in a little over seven days. The arrangements for coaling were anything but good, and we were detained there 30 hours. I think 10 hours should have been quite sufficient. We then had strong head winds with fine weather nearly all the way to Adelaide, our calls being of little service. At Adelaide we were detained 17 hours, when six or seven might have done. We then proceeded to Melbourne, and were landed on the Sandridge railway pier at 7 o'clock on Friday morning, September 28. I transacted the business which necessitated my visit, and left again for Plymouth, and O. Company's steamer *Siam* on Thursday, October 4. We arrived at Adelaide on the morning of the 8th, and remained 16 hours (six should have been enough). We then had a quick run to King George's Sound, but here, also, detention was much too great, 22 hours. Then a splendid run to Galle, where we arrived late on Monday, October 22. The China steamer not having arrived, we could not leave again until Thursday night late, thus having been detained three days, when 10 or 12 hours would have been ample. We continued to have good weather, and arrived at Aden on November 2nd, and were again detained 24 hours. We next reached Suez early on November 9th, and here again were obliged to wait 36 hours for the arrival of the steamer from Bombay. From Suez to Alexandria occupied 12 hours by rail, Alexandria to Brindisi in three and a half days, Brindisi to London two and a half days, completing the journey on Saturday morning, November 17th, at 9 o'clock.

The trip from London to Melbourne by the *Chimborazo* occupied 45 days, including two days' detention. The return trip occupied 44 days, including detentions equal to more than seven days, when with proper despatch two would have been ample. The six and a half days in Melbourne make a total of 98 days that I was absent from London.

WILLIAM McLEAN.

118 Cannon-street, London,
 December 6, 1877.

THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ARMISTICE.

The *Hamburgher Correspondent*, a trustworthy German paper, well informed in Russian politics, publishes a letter from a correspondent at Varna, showing how the Russians delayed negotiations at Kessanlik in order to gain time to reduce the whole country up to the gates of Constantinople to subjection. The correspondent says that his story may be fully trusted, and promises to supply similar dates as to the negotiations at Adrianople. The negotiations of Kessanlik, says the correspondent, lasted ten days, which passed as follows:—The day of the arrival of Server Pasha and Namyk Pasha at Kessanlik was wet, cold, and boisterous. The envoys were received by a Russian colonel, who condescended to them on their sufferings and requested them to devote that day to rest. Server replied that, tired as he was, he wished to follow the colonel directly to the Grand Duke's quarters to open negotiations. The colonel's reply, as firm as it was courteous, was to the effect that the Grand Duke had expected his guests would be desirous of rest on the first day of their stay with him, and had made his arrangements accordingly. They could not see him on that day. At an early hour the next day Server sent to inquire from the Grand Duke at what hour he would please to receive the Sultan's plenipotentiaries. The same officer presented himself at 10 a.m., and regretted to inform the Turkish delegates that military circumstances had compelled the Grand Duke to leave early that morning for Yoni Zugra, where he might stay for a day or two. Thus the second day passed in the dust. The third day likewise Server made much use of the time to settle minor points of negotiation; but he was informed that nothing could be done until the envoys had been officially received by the Grand Duke. The fourth and fifth days passed in idleness. On the morning of the sixth day the Grand Duke returned, and about noon he sent two staff officers to say that, unless the Turkish Excellencies should desire otherwise, he would receive them officially on the next day. About noon on the seventh day the plenipotentiaries were received, produced their credentials, which were considered satisfactory, and proposed to enter at once upon negotiation for a cessation of hostilities. They had been informed at Constantinople that these negotiations were to be carried on along with those for peace; but they suggested that the six days' delay occasioned by a departure from that condition, and being about an immediate cessation of hostilities. The Grand Duke replied that he was without instructions on that head; and said he was going to send an inquiry by telegraph at once, to which, he thought, he could promise to receive an answer in the course of the same night. But the night passed away, and there was no answer. The anxiety of the plenipotentiaries did nothing to accelerate communication between Petersburg and Kessanlik, and the eighth day was passed in waiting. In the

morning of the ninth day the Grand Duke invited the Turkish delegates to go and see him. Server and Namyk revived, thinking business should now be commenced in earnest. But the Grand Duke had an unexpected communication in store for them. He told them Adrianople was the historical place of negotiations between Turkey and Russia, and therefore he cordially invited them to meet him there. Server Pasha attempted a strenuous objection, but he was met by the declaration of the Grand Duke that he had indispensable business at Adrianople, and must either negotiate at that place or not at all. He invited the pashas to travel in his own carriage, and thus, on the tenth day of these mock negotiations, at eleven o'clock in the morning, the Grand Duke Nicholas and the Turkish plenipotentiaries took their departure from Kessanlik for Adrianople. Thus the Russians gained ten full days, in the meantime beating the army of Suleiman Pasha, and becoming masters of the country between Philippopolis and Adrianople; while the Porte, for weeks in possession of a promise to treat for peace, relaxed her exertions and was reduced to helplessness.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, April 8, 1878.
OPIUM.—New Patna, cash, \$577½ a 580
 " Old Patna, cash, None
 " credit, " None
 " New Benares, cash, 562½ a 565
 " credit, " None
 " Old Benares, cash, None
 " credit, " None
 " New Malwa, cash, 745
 " credit, 700
 " Allowance Tael, 4 a 16
 " Old Malwa, cash, " None
 " credit, " None
 " Allowance Tael, " 17
CAMPHOR.— " 63½ a 64
QUICKSILVER.— " 6½ a 7
SALTPETRE.— " 6½ a 7

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/10½
 " 30 days' sight, ... 3/10½
 " 6 months' sight, ... 3/11 a 3/11½
 Credits, ... 3/11½
 Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 3/11½
 Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 22½
 Calcutta, " " 22½
 Shanghai, demand, ... 71½
 " 30 days, ... 72½ a 73
 Bar Silver, 17, dwts. 2, ... 94½
 Sycee, ... 8½
 Mexican, ... 14 p. c. m.
 Gold Leaf, ... 28.80
 English Sovereigns, ... 6.18
 Australian Sovereigns, ... 6.18
 Discount, ... 8 to 9 %

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 67 % prem.
 Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,325
 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,250
 Chinese Insurance Co., \$950
 Tangshing Ins. Assn., \$2,620
 North China Ins. Co., \$790
 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$690
 China Fire Ins. Co., \$170
 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 6 % prem.
 H.K. & M. S. Boat Co., \$17 dis.
 Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$12
 Hongkong Gas Co., \$75
 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$55
 China Sugar Refining Co., 2 % dis.
 Chinese Imperial Loan, \$105.
 Do. of 1877, \$103.10/.

Temperature.

Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.

HONGKONG, April 8, 1878.

BAROMETER—9 A.M.	80.160
Do. 1 P.M.	80.100
Do. 4 P.M.	80.078
Thermometer—9 A.M.	71
Do. 1 P.M.	76
Do. 4 P.M.	75
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	70
Do. " 1 P.M.	74
Do. " 4 P.M.	76
Do. Maximum	76
Do. Minimum over night	67

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.	Remarks.
Aug.	14, Regulus,	Cardiff	
Sept.	3, Andreas,	Flushing Roads	
Oct.	2, Anna Bertha,	Cuxhaven	
19, Oscar,	Hamburg		
26, Benedetta,	San Francisco		
Nov.	1, Elizabeth Ostle,	Antwerp	
2, Cadiz (s.),	Liverpool		
3, Johann Smidt,	London		
4, Minna,	London		
5, Elizabeth Shields,	Hamburg		
20, Jetti,	Cardiff		
Dec.	1, Ottogaber,	Flushing	
2, Gleng,	Hamburg		
4, Devana,	London		
13, Sir Harry Parkes,	London		
19, Sedan,	Cardiff		
19, Forward,	Nassau (N.W.)		
23, J. R. Worcester,	London		
26, G. B. S.,	Liverpool		
Jan.	5, Kores,	Penarth	
17, Sydon Castle,			

Mails.



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
GEELENG, Captain C. FRASER, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 11th April, at
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent,
Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap11

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "CAELIO" will be de-
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-
hama, on THURSDAY, the 11th April,
at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connections made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.
Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 10th April. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to
Officers of the ARMY and NAVY and to
Members of the CIVIL and CONSULAR
SERVICES.
For further information as to Freight
of Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMERY, Agent,
Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap11

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 18th April,
1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
PEI-HO, Commandant PASQUALINI,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPORE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.
Cargo and Species will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Species and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 17th April, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
H. DU POUY,
Agent,
Hongkong, April 6, 1878. ap18

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.
THE U. S. Mail Steamer CHINA
will be despatched for San Francisco,
via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 20th
Instant, at 5 p.m., taking Passengers, and
Freight, for Japan, the United States, and
Europe.
Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.
Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT on regular rates is granted to
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,
and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and
CONSULAR SERVICES in COM-
MISSION.
Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., of 19th Instant. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Praya Central.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents,
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap20

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
S. S. D'AFRIQUE.
NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
D'AFRIQUE, from London, in con-
nection with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before 10 o'clock, the 4th inst.,
at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.
Goods remaining unclaimed after Wed-
nesday, the 10th Instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUY,
Agent,
Hongkong, April 3, 1878. ap10

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUY,
Agent,
Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

Mr C. Grossmann, G (in dia-
mond), No. 7387, 1 case from
Marseilles,
Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

TO LET.
THREE STORED DWELLING-
HOUSE, No. 115, Queen's Road
East, (Spring Gardens), Rent Moderate.
Apply to
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Hongkong, April 4, 1878. my5

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THE DWELLING HOUSE, "Green-
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of J. FAIRBAIN, Esq.
Possession after 15th April.
Apply to
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, March 18, 1878. ap18

TO LET.
THE Dwelling House No. 9, Mosque
Terrace, possession from 15th April
next.
Three Offices, in Club Chambers.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

TO LET.
HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central,
with Godowns attached.
House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
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China and Japan, and at Singapore,
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Bills accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.
JAS. B. COUGHRAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE).
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Coals in Matched, on Goods on board
Vessels and on Halls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hanoi, and are prepared to grant
Insurance at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents,
Hongkong, April 8, 1878. ap20

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.
CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up—£420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE—£220,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND—£70,000
Total Capital and Reserves—£710,000
None this date.

Directors:
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
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Subject to a charge of 12% for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS
OF THE UNDERSIGNED BUSINESS will be
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premium paid by them.

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NOTICE.
POLICIES granted at current rates on
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In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two-Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

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General Agents,
Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
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Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates on Marine Risks
to all parts of the World.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Act of Parliament.
ESTABLISHED 1809.
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grant Policies against FIRE to the extent
of £10,000 on any Building, or on
Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent on the Premium.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHONG ON FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.
Directors:
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FANG YIM, Merchant.
HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.
LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.
LIM SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.
CHANG SING YONG, Merchant.
CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO ANEL.
POLICIES against FIRE granted on
Buildings and on Goods stored
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West.
Hongkong, August 23, 1877. ap23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London, or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.
Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1875.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.
THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hanoi, and are prepared to grant
Insurance at current rates.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Receives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked N, near the Kowloon shore K, and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Amoy	Brit.	str.	814	April 7	Slomson & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Argyll	Brit.	str.	1271	April 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai, Calcutta, &c.	13th, 3 p.m.
Arcton	Brit.	str.	1382	April 1	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Singapore, &c.	Ab'deen Dock
Atholl	Brit.	str.	923	Mar. 26	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Singapore, &c.	To-day
Bellona	Brit.	str.	789	April 4	Wm. Patten & Co.	Singapore, &c.	11th, daylight
Bonfield	Brit.	str.	998	Mar. 23	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Singapore, &c.	To-morrow
Bombay	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 19	Kwok Aehong	Singapore, &c.	Laid up
Campan	Brit.	str.	98	Oct. 2	Kwok Aehong	Singapore, &c.	Laid up
Dale	Brit.	str.	844	April 6	Yuen Fat Hong	Hollow & Halphong	
Fatchoy	Brit.	str.	153	April 7	G. McElnay	Hollow & Halphong	
Fuyow	Brit.	str.	950	April 7	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Gallo	Brit.	str.	1712	Mar. 25	O. & O. S. Co.	Ythama & S. Fido	11th
Glenroy	Brit.	str.	1372	April 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Holland	Brit.	str.	1356	April 5	Slomson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Kelchob	Brit.	str.	674	April 8	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	K'loon Dock
Kwangtung	Brit.	str.	884	April 5	Slomson & Co.	Bangkok	To-day
Madagascar	Brit.	str.	994	April 2	Slomson & Co.	Bangkok	To-day
Maharajah	Brit.	str.	1270	Mar. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Bangkok	To-day
Maharajah	Brit.	str.	678	Mar. 17	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Bangkok	To-day
Moray	Brit.	str.	1119	Mar. 24	E. & O. S. Co.	Bangkok	To-day
Orsay	Brit.	str.	69	Mar. 28	Order of the day	Yokohama	at daylight
Panay	Brit.	str.	500	Oct. 30	Remedios & Co.	Quinhon and Saigon	Sands' Slip
Petrol	Brit.	str.	1714	April 4	Man Hing Chan	Quinhon and Saigon	Cleared
Petrol	Brit.	str.	1209	April 6	H. K. & Co.	Quinhon and Saigon	Cleared
Radnorshire	Brit.	str.	700	Mar. 28	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Halphong	Ab'deen Dock
Thales	Brit.	str.	480	April 2	Kwok Aehong	Halphong	Ab'deen Dock
Tosky, Yuen Buan	Brit.	str.	288	Mar. 27	Kwok Aehong	Halphong	Ab'deen Dock
Yotting	Brit.	str.	288	Mar. 27	Kwok Aehong	Halphong	Ab'deen Dock
Adolph	Brit.	str.	867	Mar. 28	Arnold, Kargberg & Co.	London	
Aliso M. Minott	Amer.	str.	1109	Jan. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Anna Sieben	Amer.	str.	825	April 5	Edward Schallhaus & Co.	San Francisco	
Antioch	Amer.	str.	646	April 5	Chinese ship	San Francisco	
B. F. Watson	Amer.	str.	998	Nov. 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Blanca Portia	Ital.	bge.	666	Mar. 31	Thos. Howard & Co.	San Francisco	
Black Prince	Brit.	str.	780	April 2	Turner & Co.	San Francisco	
Bna Pan	Brit.	str.	574	April 5	Kin-tye-long	San Francisco	
Chandoo	Amer.	str.	1506	Mar. 6	Captain	San Francisco	
Conchita	Span.	bge.	430	Mar. 14	Remedios & Co.	San Francisco	
Cordoba	Span.	bge.	459	April 4	Carlowitz & Co.	San Francisco	
Corona	Brit.	str.	1199	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.	San Francisco	
Cruiser	Amer.	bge.	668	Mar. 14	Captain	San Francisco	
Edward P. Bouvier	Brit.	bge.	941	Jan. 22	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Ellas	Amer.	str.	1181	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Emo	Brit.	str.	812	Mar. 30	Beller & Co.	San Francisco	
Empire	Brit.	str.	778	Mar. 31	Butterfield & Swire	San Francisco	
Enid	Brit.	str.	1380	Feb. 21	American Maritime	San Francisco	
Frank Marion	Amer.	bge.	495	April 1	Arnold, Kargberg & Co.	San Francisco	
Freeman Clark	Amer.	bge.	678	April 7	Meyer & Co.	San Francisco	
Globe	Brit.	bge.	738	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.	San Francisco	
Goodell	Amer.	bge.	840	April 4	Arnold, Kargberg & Co.	San Francisco	
Great Admiral	Amer.	str.	1578	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Hark Away	Brit.	bge.	773	Feb. 12	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Helene	Brit.	bge.	872	Mar. 31	Wielar & Co.	San Francisco	
Jean Pierre	Brit.	bge.	697	Mar. 15	Carlowitz & Co.	San Francisco	
Kalaja	Russ.	bge.	690	Jan. 12	Edward Schallhaus & Co.	San Francisco	
Kim Yung Tye	Brit.	bge.	690	Jan. 12	Edward Schallhaus & Co.	San Francisco	
Ladago	Amer.	str.	868	April 6	Captain	San Francisco	
Leonie	Brit.	bge.	484	Mar. 31	Carlowitz & Co.	San Francisco	
Maria Bayano	Ital.	bge.	874	Mar. 1	Thos. Howard & Co.	San Francisco	
Maria Charlotte	Brit.	bge.	580	Mar. 28	Carlowitz & Co.	San Francisco	
Maria Louise	Brit.	bge.	425	Mar. 31	Carlowitz & Co.	San Francisco	
Marquis of Argyll	Brit.	bge.	600	Feb. 28	Rosario & Co.	San Francisco	
Michael Selehau	Dan.	bge.	447	April 2	Order	San Francisco	
Mosquito	Brit.	bge.	197	Feb. 5	Olyphant & Co.	San Francisco	
Musard	Brit.	bge.	1385	Jan. 24	Adamson, Bell & Co.	San Francisco	
North Star	Amer.	str.	1374	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
P. J. Carleton	Amer.	bge.	936	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Paradise	Brit.	bge.	846	Mar. 31	Slomson & Co.	San Francisco	
Parma	Brit.	bge.	869	Mar. 30	Chinese	San Francisco	
Phillip Fitzpatrick	Amer.	bge.	582	Mar. 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Princess Sarah	Brit.	bge.	454	Mar. 30	Carlowitz & Co.	San Francisco	
Quikstep	Amer.	bge.	828	Jan. 4	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
River Lagan	Brit.	bge.	861	Feb. 23	Douglas Laprak & Co.	San Francisco	
Rubicon	Brit.	bge.	204	Jan. 17	Chinese	San Francisco	
Samar	Amer.	str.	1056	Feb. 3	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Star of India	Brit.	bge.	1040	Feb. 14	Adamson, Bell & Co.	San Francisco	
Sumatra	Amer.	str.	1090	Sept. 5	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Teodora	Span.	bge.	600	Mar. 30	Remedios & Co.	San Francisco	
Titan	Amer.	str.	1270	Feb. 7	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Villa de Rivadavia	Span.	bge.	261	April 5	Brandao & Co.	San Francisco	
Vega	Brit.	str.	1118	Mar. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Wildwood	Amer.	str.	1099	Jan. 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Wheampo	Brit.	str.	1866	April 5	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Wheampo	Brit.	str.	240	April 2	Edward Schallhaus & Co.	Shanghai	
Wheampo	Brit.	str.	210	Mar. 30	Lane, Crawford & Co.	Shanghai	
Wheampo	Brit.	str.	648	April 6	Slomson & Co.	Shanghai	

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Albatross	6 h	German	corvette	600	4	.....	April 8	Mensing
Arcton	6 o	French	iron-clad	8820	.....	.....	April 4	D. Labarriere
Chi On	6 h	Chinese	corvette	1000	7	150	April 8	T. Y. Lee
Cuzlow	5 h	British	gun vessel	774	3	160	Feb. 21	W. Ma F. Cault
Growler	5 k	British	gun vessel	494	4	120	Feb. 21	O. B. Galt
Ugona	6 o	French	man-of-war	1200	.....	.....	Mar. 15	M. Gales
Spring	7 h	British	gun vessel	774	3	160	Mar. 28	W. G. Scott
Seane	6 k	British	military hospital	2581	.....	.....	.....	.....
Priger	6 h	British	gun vessel	408	2	60	April 1	O. P. Tudor
Ujo	6 o	Portug.	gun vessel	400	2	100	April 7	F. Amari
Comdr Emanuel	6 o	British	Commodore's flagship	3087	16	.....	.....	Commodore Watson
Gliah	7 h	British	despatch vessel	856	2	250	Jan. 29	Lt.-Com. Annanley